



17W

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named
Inventor : Rene Bitsch

Appln. No.: 10/696,933

Filed : October 30, 2003

For : TERM DATABASE EXTENSION FOR
LABEL SYSTEM

Docket No.: M61.12-0532

Group Art Unit: 2162

Examiner: Ly, Anh

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING
SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, THIS

23 DAY OF May, 2006.

PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

On May 18, 2006 an interview was held between Examiner Anh Ly and Nathan Rau. During the interview several issues were discussed with Examiner Ly regarding the Office Action that was mailed January 24, 2006.

The first item that was discussed was the provisional double patenting rejection in view of Application Serial No. 10/676,834. During the discussion Examiner Ly indicated that this was a typographical error in the Office Action, and the correct provisional double patenting rejection was to Application Serial No. 10/674,834. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for this clarification.

The second item that was discussed was the rejections contained in items 12 and 14 of the Office Action. In item 12 of the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 38 and 39 over Vronay et al. in view of Yamamoto et al. In item 14 the Examiner rejected claims 36 and 37 over Vronay in view of Colace. During the discussion, the undersigned pointed out to the Examiner that claims 38 and 39 depended from claim 37. The undersigned indicated to the Examiner that rejections of claims 38 and 39

appeared incorrect given the rejections in the Office Action and the claimed dependency. The Examiner indicated that he would review the rejections of claims 38 and 39 and provide clarification.

Further, the undersigned discussed with the Examiner various aspects of the present application including the definition of "label" as it relates to the present application. Further, the undersigned discussed with the Examiner in detail claim 17. The Examiner indicated that following a response from the undersigned to the outstanding Office Action additional suggestions would be provided to the undersigned in order to advance prosecution in the present application. The undersigned encourages the Examiner to call to discuss any issues he may have.

Following the above discussions no agreement was reached with regards to the claims. However, the Examiner indicated that the Office Action would be reissued to correct the typographical errors as well as the apparent incorrect rejections of claims 38 and 39. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his time in this interview and in reissuing the Office Action so that no extensions of time would be necessary in order to fully respond to the Office Action.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By: 

Nathan M. Rau, Reg. No. 45,466
900 Second Avenue South, Suite 1400
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3244
Phone: (612) 334-3222 Fax: (612) 334-3312

NMR:mek